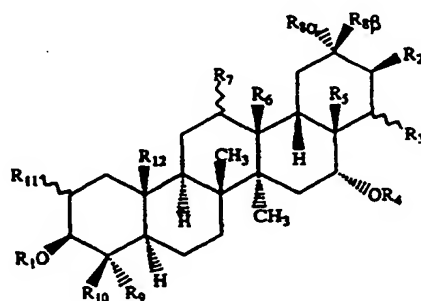




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Saponins of formula (I), a stereoisomeric form thereof or a pharmaceutically acceptable addition salt thereof, wherein R₁ to R₁₂ have the meaning given in the description, can be isolated from plants of the family *Myrsinaceae* and used to decrease the infectiousness of and reduce the mortality associated with protozoan parasites of the genus *Leishmania* which are responsible for a group of conditions known as leishmaniases.

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